Keeping your partnerships accountable

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✓ Grants are an increasing percentage of agency budgets and play a key role in agencies achieving their goals.

✓ Project directors set the tone for their organizations and partners, and recognize the importance of accountability for how funds are used and the results achieved. That emphasis will flow to others within their organizations.
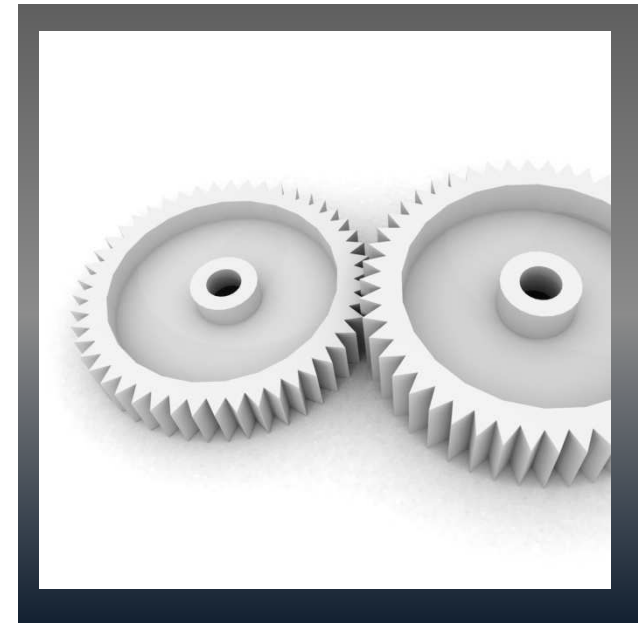
Source: Grant Accountability Project, (Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency)

Purpose

- Ensure that programs are implemented in a timely manner in compliance with all applicable requirements

- Identify instances and trends that indicate superior, satisfactory, or deficient performance

- Develop and implement actions to reinforce, improve, correct, or supplement recipient performance, as appropriate

- Identify technical assistance needs and provide pro-active support

Grant oversight: HUD.GOV

Grant Managing Opportunities for Improvement

Managing Performance	Assessing and Using Results
1 ✓ Monitoring the financial status of grants ✓ Ensuring results through performance monitoring ✓ Monitoring sub recipients as a critical element of grant success	**2** ✓ Providing evidence of program success ✓ Identifying ways to improve program performance

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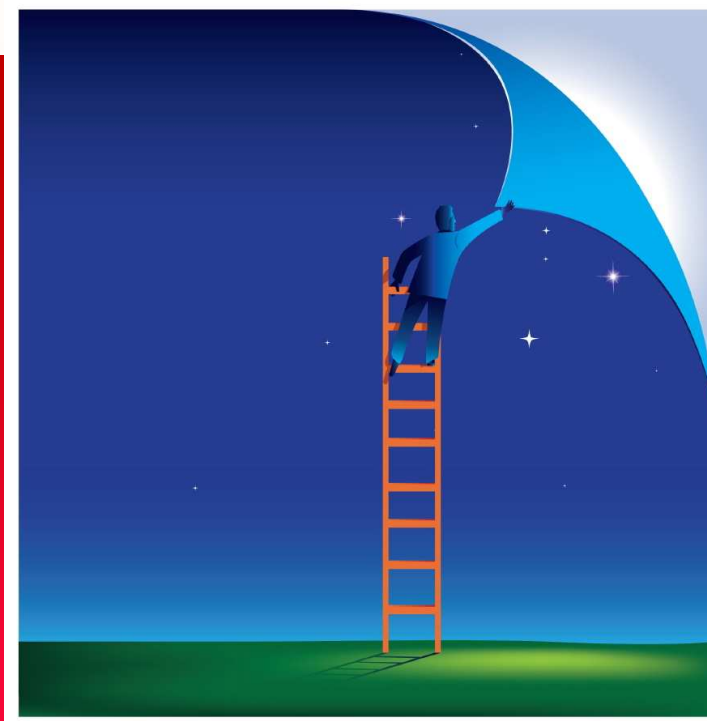
Things to keep in mind:

Remember the original intentions and objectives of your grant application, and the current status of the project.

Program objectives and outcomes

1	To a what extent your partners have collaborated with meeting their share on the objectives stated on your application?
2	Does your report demonstrate active partnership by meeting the needs identified on your application? (i.e., numbers of individuals served, activities accomplished, positive responses received, behaviors changed, etc)
3	If you have been unable to meet some of your objectives, why has that occurred?

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Collaboration

1	Evaluate effectiveness of your collaboration with partners

2	Evaluate effectiveness of collaboration with OHDHE

3	OHDHE Project Officer, and/ or Health Program Manager can provide technical assistance on "collaboration troubleshooting"

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Financial

1	Have your partner's(') actual costs been consistent with the estimates? If not, what are the reasons for the variations?
2	Are your partners up to date on utilizing their funds?
3	If you find delays on utilization of funding from your partner(s), you must evaluate the reasons, and collaborate with solutions.

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Effectiveness

1	Assess the effectiveness of your partners' performance, consistent with your work plan
2	Have your partners collaborated with success stories, and/ or showing motivation towards the project?
3	Would you consider the same partners for future grant applications/ projects?

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Sources

- Department of Health and Human Services Grants Guidance
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